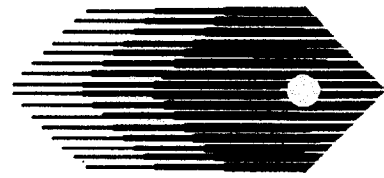


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Dear Jacque,

Please accept this letter of support from the Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators (MAISA) for the proposed changes in the Medicaid School Based Services Fee-For-Service Program developed by our state's workgroup.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) have requested that Michigan develop a new reimbursement methodology for the School Based Services program. They have mandated that the new methodology be cost-based, provider specific and annually reconciled. In order to comply with this mandate and maintain in excess of \$100 million in federal revenue that is shared with the ISDs, we must have a way to identify costs specific to the Medicaid covered services.

A workgroup chaired by MAISA superintendents with members from various ISDs, Detroit Public Schools, Michigan Department of Education and Michigan Department of Community Health have been meeting frequently with the Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to discuss a process that will uniquely identify the Medicaid health related costs necessary to comply with the CMS mandate. The group believes that the revised SE-4096 will accomplish this goal and meet the needs of the SBS program.

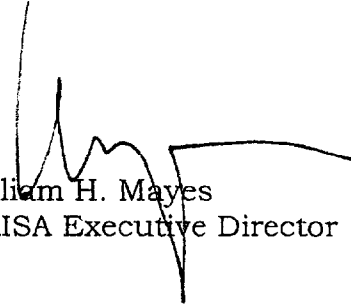
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MAISA supports the changes developed by the SBS workgroup to the SE-4096 form and requests that these changes be made to comply with the CMS mandate. Thank you for your support as we all work together for the benefit of state government and for our students.

Sincerely,

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Richard Lane
MAISA President

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